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SUBJECT: OPIC'S CENTRAL AMERICAN INVESTMENT MISSION - GLASS CONTAINER MANUFACTURER

- 1. OPIC HAS RECEIVED AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY BROCKWAY GLASS COMPANY (A LARGE MANUFACTURER OF GLASS CONTAINERS) TO PARTICIPATE IN OPIC'S INVESTMENT MISSION TO CENTRAL AMERICA, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, BEFORE THEY GO, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THE MARKET IN CENTRAL AMERICA IS SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE AND EFFORT OF BUILDING A PLANT.
- 2. OPIC HAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOB LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOLLAR VALUE OF GLASS CONTAINER EXPORTS TO CENTRAL

AMERICAN COUNTRIES, BUT THESE FIGURES ARE INCOMPLETE AS THEY ARE LIMITED ONLY TO U.S. EXPORTS AND ARE TOO SMALL TO INTEREST BROCKWAY. CONSEQUENTLY, REQUEST ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES SUPPLY OPIC WITH TOTAL IMPORT FIGURES FOR THEIR COUNTRIES FOR GLASS BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD CALL THE MISSIONS' ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT HOST GOVERNMENT FIGURES SUPPLIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPEAR TO BE BASED ON IMPORT

DUTIES COLLECTED AND TOTAL IMPORTS REGISTERED ON THIS BASIS ARE LOWER THAN EXPORTS FROM THE U.S. ALONE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE QUESTION VALUE OF FIGURES BASED ON DUTY.

4. FOR PANAMA: REQUEST EMBASSY PANAMA PROVIDE US WITH SIMILAR FIGURES FOR PANAMA TOGETHER WITH ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANAMA AND ANY COMMON MARKET COUNTRY PROVIDES FOR WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF DUTY ON IMPORT OF GLASS CONTAINERS. DECONTROL AFTER SEPTEMBER 10, 1976. KISSINGER

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